Provisions under DPCO, 1987

314. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1275 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1994, and state:

(a) whether there is no concept to fix retention price, common sale price fixed under DPCO, 1987 and such price has not been fixed for any of the drugs after the inception of DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, how can the money recovered into DPCO can be untilized for any of the purposes specified under DPCO, 1979;

(c) how is the DPEA provision then justified and why provision for untilisation of DPEA funds have not been incorporated in the DPCO 1987;

(d) who have been paid Rs. 497.77 lakhs and while making payments was it ensured that there are no DPEA dues against them;

(e) whether it is a fact that Rs. 5.60 lakhs have been misutilized and the expenditure does not fall within the provision of paragraph 17 of DPCO, 1979; and

(f) what steps have been taken to recover the amounts from the officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There is no such concept in the DPCO, 1987.

(b) and (c) Para 14 of the DPCO 1987 provides for utilisation of amounts deposited into the Drug Price Equalisation Account for the purposes stipulated in the DPCO, 1979.

(d) The details asked for are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(e) Since the amount of Rs. 5.60 lakhs paid was for a study related to the pharmaceutical industry, there has been no misutilization.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of Rs. 497. lakhs paid to various companies out of the DPEA after 25th August, 1987, till date

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount paid (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	M/s. I.D.P.L.	358.00
2.	M/s. H.A.L.	45.26
3.	M/s. Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals (BCPL)	7.19 7.19
4.	M/s. Pharma. Chem.	1.77
5.	M/s. Andhra Sugars	6.13
6.	M/s. Max. India.	4.42
7.	M/ M/s. Gujarat Lyka	15.00
	Total	497.77

DPEA Amount

315. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that benefit of amount collected into the DPEA cannot be passed on to the consumer through retention cum pooled price cum common sale price, what is the rationale of recovering the amounts into DPEA; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Department of Legal Affairs had recommended to the Ministry that to give teeth to recovery into DPEA, provisions for passing benefits to the consumers be incorporated into DPCO, 1987, if so, what are the details of such recommendation and what action has been taken?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Government has been making all efforts to recover the entire amounts of liabilities for various drug companies into the

Drug Price Equalisation Account and amounts so recovered shall be utilised for the purpose mentioned in DPCO 1979/1987 and, wherever necessary the Ministry of Law Justice and Company Affairs is consulted.

मध्य प्रदेश के बन्द पड़े उर्वरक एकक

316. **श्री दिलीप सिंह भूरिया :** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में कतिपय उर्वरक एकक बन्द पड़े हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे एककों का ब्यौरा क्या है, और ये कहां-कहां स्थित हैं ;

(ग) इनके बन्द होने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन एककों को क्या-क्या सुविधायें/सहायता दी गई हैं ?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के मुताबिक मध्य प्रदेश में छोटे और मध्यम आकार के निम्नलिखित सिंगल सूपर फास्फेट (एस एसपी) संयंत्र मुद्रा की उपलब्धता और वितरण समस्याओं के कारण 31-5-94 से बन्द पड़े थे।

1. बी ई सी फर्टिलाइजर्स, भिलाई ।

2. खेतान मिकल्स एण्ड फर्टिलाइजर्स निमरानी ।

3. यूनी अल्केम फर्टिलाइजर्स रायसेन ।

4. हर्षवर्धन केमिकल्स एण्ड मिनेरलस लि0, अंतरवे लिया ।

(घ) सरकार ने निम्नलिखित उपाय किए हैं, जिनसे एसएसपी एककों को भी लाभ होगा : —

I. फास्फेटिक उर्वरकों और उनके कच्चे मालों के लिए रेलवे भाड़े में कम की गई है,

II. नियंत्रण मुक्त फास्फेटिक उर्वरकों के मूल्यों में बढ़ोतरी के प्रभाव को कम करने तथा आयातित उत्पादों के साथ स्वदेशी एककों को प्रतिस्पर्धी बनाने के लिए स्वदेशी डीएपी पर 1000 रु० प्रति टन की रियायत तथा स्वदेशी कम्प्लेक्स उर्वरकों और एसएसपी पर समानुपातिक रियात दी जा रही है और;

III. सबद्ध एककों से अपेक्षित उत्पादन आंकड़े आदि प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् पुरानी राजसहायता देयों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर चुकाया जा रहा है।

Mechanism for controlling Drug Prices

317. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving a new transparent mechanism on the lines of BICP for controlling drug prices; and

(b) if so, what are the broad features of this new organisation to deal exclusively with the issue and the Ministry under whose administrative and technical control it will function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (b) The Review of Drug Policy 1986 which includes the pricing aspects, is still to be finalized.

Package for the revival of sick fertilizer units

318. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be please to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a new package for revamping the old and ailing fertilizer units in the public sector, in the light of the findings of the Expert Committee, appointed in June last, to come up with detailed proposals for making these units productive again;

(b) if so, what are its broad features; and